

**TODAY and
TOMORROW**

A Vanishing Empire

THE Anglo-American peoples and the nations under Anglo-American control are to-day in a most pitiable plight. They know that the destruction of the anti-Axis powers and the triumph of Nippon and her allies are certain. They know also that the mad, power-thirsty schemes of Roosevelt and Churchill to dominate Asia will destroy both Britain and America. And yet they are being forced to fight and sacrifice themselves against their conscience, against their good sense.

The peoples of America and Britain are showing their bitter and furious opposition to the Roosevelt-Churchill war policy through increasing strikes and sabotage activities. The Indian people are in open revolt and revolution. In the British Dominions, in Australia and Canada, as also in America, numerous anti-war organisations have sprung up. In Australia and in Canada, the tendency to break off from Britain has become widespread and insistent. The peoples of Australia and Canada have repeatedly asked, "Why should we go on sacrificing our manpower and material resources for the mad and destructive war that Roosevelt and Churchill have provoked to further their own selfish ambitions?"

The day before yesterday, at the Quebec Legislative Assembly, in a debate on the speech from the British King, an influential Canadian statesman Chaloult strongly condemned what he called "English Military Imperialism." Chaloult declared, "English Military Imperialism is the source of all evil. Independence of Canada is the only answer to English Military Imperialism."

Thus, while the Australians and Canadians—both peoples of British Dominions—are so bitterly against the Roosevelt-Churchill aggressive war policy, it is absurd for the British to pretend that they have the support of the Indian people who suffer far more under British rule than the people of the Dominions. The British Minister in Washington Harold Butler argues, because Indians have not yet thrown off the British yoke, therefore Indians love the British rule! But he clean forgets the fact that the tottering British Imperialistic edifice in India to-day is on the verge of final collapse. Caught in between the Revolution from within and the armed attack from without, its ultimate end is a foregone conclusion. Thus, with India determined to be free and the Dominions struggling to break off from Britain, the British Empire is fast disintegrating and rapidly heading to final extinction. Forces of disintegration and decay are also at work in the so-called United States of America. Verily, the Anglo-American Imperialistic powers are utterly doomed.

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FIERCE WAR CONTINUES IN MANILA

Nippon Forces Hold Fast To Positions In Face Of Fierce Foe Attacks

A Nippon Base on the Philippine Front, Feb. 15 (Domei)—Fierce, bloody fighting raged without pause for possession of Manila as Nippon forces in other sectors of the Luzon front mercilessly punished the American invasion forces in renewed intensified attritional warfare.

In the Philippine capital where enemy pressure is heaviest from the direction north of the city, Nippon garrison units held fast all their positions in the battle which centered in the area along the southern bank of the Pasig and inside old Intramuros or Walled City. Nippon naval landing detachments defending Manila in the closest co-ordination with Imperial ground units continued to hold their positions in the sector south of the four main bridges across the lower reaches of the Pasig and the battleline extending north and south from the Paco station through Singalon Avenue to Galina as well as the area east of Nicholas Airfield and positions on the northern bank of the Pasig at its upper reaches, which were captured by a naval unit on Monday night with a close-range storming attack. The Americans resorting to carpet bombardment with artillery fire are deliberately levelling the city section by section in a crazed attempt to capture the capital.

Meanwhile, the latest dispatches disclosed that Nippon death-defying units carrying out repeated storming attacks in the northern Luzon sector extending from Camp One to Rosario from last Thursday to Monday accounted for more than 1,500 United States invasion troops killed or wounded as well as destroyed four tanks, eight cannons, 30 trenchmortars, numerous machineguns, more than 30 motor trucks, 35 bivouacs and munition depots at 11 points. In the same sector the Imperial forces captured 130,000 rounds of ammunition, ten trenchmortars, three rapid-firing cannons, five heavy machineguns, 25 light machineguns and numerous automatic rifles and telephones.

Slightly to the south Nippon forces north of Pozorrubio blasting superior enemy forces during the five days from February 8 to February 12 killed or wounded over 1,100 American troops and also destroyed two enemy tanks, 15 motor lorries, four artillery pieces, 16 trenchmortars, two heavy machineguns, 12 light machineguns, 19 bivouacs, seven supply dumps and ammunition of all types as well as captured six trench-

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Enemy Raids Set To Lower Morale Of Citizens Here

Army Spokesman Warns People To Remain Calm And Cool

If the people of Syonan could keep up their morale unimpaired despite enemy attempts to cause destruction to the place by aerial attacks, they could certainly withstand any such destruction and havoc, was stressed by Lt.-Col. Shozo Nakajima, Chief Spokesman to the Imperial Nippon Forces in the Southern Regions, at the weekly press conference held here yesterday.

Prefacing his address with the observation that the enemy planes had made their appearance over Syonan on the occasion of the third anniversary of the Birth of New Malai and the fall of Singapore apparently with a view to disturbing the programme of celebrations on that day, Lt.-Col. Nakajima said that by aerial attacks alone the enemy could not hope to capture any part of the territories he had lost.

There was every likelihood that in future enemy planes would make frequent appearances on the sky over Syonan. But however strong the enemy might consider himself in his aerial attacks so long as our fighting spirit remains intact the enemy attacks will not serve any useful purpose, declared Lt.-Col. Nakajima.

Since last September approximately 1,200 to 1,300 B-29's had come over Nippon but the way Tokyo had stood to the damage wrought by the enemy was simply remarkable. It is of interest to note that the enemy himself could not but admire the rapidity with which all such damage had been restored. Out of the total number of planes that had visited Tokyo

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LEOPOLD AMERY HECKLED FOR FALSE STATEMENT ON IMPRISONED CONGRESSMEN

Freedom, Only Panacea For India's Ills

Complete independence as the only panacea for India's ills, was stressed by S. K. Pramanik, the Indian Federation of Labour delegate at the so-called World Trade Congress meeting in London on Thursday. Denouncing the postwar planning for India as envisaged by the British authorities, Pramanik declared there can be no industrial planning without the immediate elimination of imperialism in every shape and form.

Complete independence is the only solution, he said and added, there can be no social or economic security for workers of India so long as things remain as they are at present.

Textile workers got only thirty shillings per week and minors as little as three shillings and ninepence per week. Thirty million agricultural workers have to live on even less, and the remaining crores earn practically nothing. In the circumstances it is no wonder that the famine is taking such an appalling toll, stated Pramanik.

Revealing that the famine situation in Bengal and other provinces continues to be grave, Pramanik declared: Destitutes are still dying in Calcutta and other places and the cost of living still remains far too high and is ever on the increase. These disasters, he added, are the direct result of the inhuman policy of the British imperialists.

Concluding, Pramanik declared that there can be no lasting peace and social security until and unless India achieve complete independence.

Vicious Br. Propaganda To Minimise Growing Unrest In India

British authorities' ridiculous efforts to minimise the growing strength of the anti-British Revolution in India, are revealed in the latest reports received here today. According to a despatch from London, the Secretary of State for India, Leopold S. Amery, was severely heckled in the British House of Commons yesterday in regard to the total number of Congressmen imprisoned or detained in India.

Labour Member Reginald Sorensen, pointed out that the figures given by Amery in the House of Commons and by the so-called Home Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council in the Central Indian Assembly were both ridiculous and contradictory.

Continuing, Sorensen said that while the Home Member stated in the Assembly that the number of those imprisoned and detained under the so-called Defence of India Rules as on January 1st this year were 5,708 and 7,574 respectively, Amery had stated that the total number of both, as reported to him, was 1,841.

Replying, Amery admitted that the figures he had received were unconfirmed, but added that he had not included the thousands of persons arrested in the various provinces for anti-British activities. People are arrested and detained without trial or imprisoned upon the orders of the Central authorities throughout India as well as upon the orders of the Provincial authorities in their respective areas.

It is believed that the number of those arrested and detained in India is so large and increasing every day that the British authorities themselves are not in a position to give the exact figures for a particular date.

The British Minister in Washington, Mr. Harold Butler, has launched a vicious campaign in America to minimise the growing strength of the anti-British revolution in India and other British-oppressed countries. According to a despatch from New York, Harold Butler, addressing the National Institute of Social Sciences yesterday, admitted that Britain's grip on India and the Colonies is becoming weak as she is now engaged in a desperate struggle which is threatening to destroy her own country.

However, he asserted that the British Empire has not broken up yet, because the British have been able to get the manpower and material resources of India and the Colonies for the prosecution of the war.

Brilliant Results Scored Against Enemy Raids Over Kanto District

Tokyo, February 16 (Domei)—Nippon air interception units achieved sizeable war results in intercepting enemy carrier-borne planes which attacked the Kanto district and Shizuoka Prefecture on Friday, Dai Honyei announced in a communique released at 6 p.m. today. The communique also revealed that an enemy fleet launched naval bombardments against Iwojima today, February 16.

The communique reads: "Firstly, a powerful enemy task force which made its appearance in our adjacent seas launched attacks with its carrier-borne planes in waves mainly against our airfields in the Kanto district and Shizuoka Prefecture

from about 7 a.m. until after 4.00 p.m. on February 16. Our air interception units achieved sizeable war results in intercepting these enemy planes.

"Secondly, an enemy fleet comprising 30-odd craft, including battleships and aircraft-carriers, has been carrying on naval bombardment against Iwojima since early morning of February 16.

The latest check-up revealed that Nippon air defence forces damaged 17 enemy planes out of about 60 B-29's which raided Nagoya, Shizuoka and a section of Miye Prefecture yesterday afternoon, February 15.

One of our interceptors failed to return to its base.

Germans Leave Budapest After Protracted War

Berlin, February 15 (Domei)—After holding out for almost 50 days following complete encirclement, the German defenders of Budapest began withdrawal in accordance with orders received, the first part having already reached a point west of the city, today's High Command communique said. Between Lake Balaton and the Servitz Canal, Soviet forces which penetrated into the out line on February 9 were thrown back with heavy losses, including 22 tanks, 166 guns, and numerous other weapons, 134 vehicles and several hundred prisoners.

North of West Beskides the enemy attempt to infiltrate between Saybusch and Schwarywasser was completely frustrated, the communique said. It added that our troops also repulsed strong Soviet attacks on the newly-erected Bolt front in lower Silesia as well as near Breslau and Glogau. Near Striegau, north-west of Bunzlau, and north of Sagan, the enemy was hurled back by our counter-attack, the High Command announced.

In the Oder bend the Soviets managed to advance to Gruenberg, but between Fuerstenberg and the Oder marshes the enemy bridgeheads near Wiesenau and Goedendorf were further reduced, while north of Goedendorf enemy attacks ended in failure. In the city of Posen heavy house-to-house fighting is continuing, the announcement disclosed.

In West Prussia the enemy continued attempts to penetrate between Konitz and Graudenz but was checked after losing 40 tanks. In East Prussia our battleplanes and fighters supported ground units in their attack against Soviet forces, destroying 59 tanks, 24 guns, and 400 motor vehicles, the communique said.

Between the Lower Rhine and the Meuse sector all British attacks with the support of vast arms and munitions were smashed yesterday, the High Command revealed. It added that renewed attempts by United States forces to advance from their bridgeheads on the Lower Sauer to the north were frustrated. Between Saarlautern and the Rhine, several enemy thrusts were thrown back, while in the Westphalia sector Alpine troops took some prisoners in successful operations at the French-Italian border. South of Bologna a large number of enemy troops were taken prisoner, while remaining garrison forces were wiped out.

In his bombing attacks the enemy caused considerable damage in residential quarters in Central Germany, particularly in Magdeburg and Dresden, where irreplaceable cultural and art monuments were destroyed, the communique declared.

7 Enemy Raiders Over Syonan Badly Damaged

Syonan, February 16 (Domei)—Reports submitted by various defence units disclosed that approximately 10 enemy B-29's came over Syonan on February 15, seven of which our interceptors heavily damaged, including one most probably shot down, it is authoritatively learned today.

Indians At Mass Meeting Pledge All Out Support For Successful Prosecution Of G. E. Asia War

A successful lecture-movie meeting in the Greater East Asia War. "If we allow the Anglo-American Powers to regain their foothold in East Asia, I am sure Asia would become enslaved again," declared the speaker, adding that just as the subjugation of most of the East Asiatic territories began with the subjugation of India, the freedom of entire Asia would become secure with a Free India in the cause of which Indians in East Asia had taken up arms under the dynamic leadership of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

The other speakers were Srimathie Krishna Gouri Jannadas, Kumari S. N. Saraswathi and Sardar Sohan Singh. The former two speakers laid stress on the important role Indian women have to play in the war while Sardar Sohan Singh urged Indians to give their whole-hearted support to the Nipponese to win final victory in the Greater East Asia War and to the war of Indian Independence.

Resolutions reassuring their unswerving loyalty to Nippon coupled with their determination to do everything in their power to help win complete victory in the Dai Toa Senso were passed by the meeting. The resolutions were moved by Judge M. V. Pillai. The lecture part of the rally being over, the gathering was entertained to a programme of pictures.

The programme was much enlivened by several song items contributed by the boys and girls of the Indian National School. Janab M. M. Pavallar who addressed the gathering in Tamil made a spirited speech dwelling on the achievements of the Nipponese in ridding East Asia of all Anglo-American domination pointing out that by liberating all East Asiatic territories from the age-old Western tutelege and subjection the Nipponese had earned the eternal gratitude of the Asiatics in this part of the world.

Janab Pavallar exhorted all Indians and members of other communities to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Nipponese and help them in every possible way to achieve final victory.

Foe Raids Set To Lower Morale Of Citizens Here

(Continued from previous page) since September one-third of the number or approximately 40 per cent, had been destroyed. Against these losses suffered by the enemy Nippon had only lost 57. To put the matter in a nutshell the enemy had not been able to achieve anything substantial in comparison with the heavy losses suffered by him. Presumably the main object of enemy air raids over Nippon was to destroy our war machinery and at the same time to weaken the morale of the people but he has not been able to achieve his objective, went on the Chief Spokesman.

Even if the enemy's attempt is to destroy the Metropolis it would require 70,000 B-29's.

In the earthquake which occurred in Tokyo 22 years ago 270,000 houses were destroyed out of the 470,000. But the capacity for rehabilitation was so great that Tokyo returned to normal condition within a period of ten months, added the Chief Spokesman.

Referring to conditions of people in European capitals, like London and Paris, Lt.-Col. Nakajima said that according to the statement of the British Government, London suffered as the result of German flying bombs the destruction of 1,200,000 houses, while the people in both the cities are on the verge of starvation according to an American newspaper reporter. Compared with the conditions obtaining in these cities and other so-called liberated countries, the inconveniences and difficulties that are being experienced in Syonan are nothing to speak of, although he was prepared to admit that the living conditions in Syonan were not what one would like to see in normal times.

In welcoming the third anniversary of the Birth of New Malai and the surrender of

Fierce And Bloody War Continuing In Manila

(Continued from previous page) mortars, one anti-tank gun, three heavy machineguns, 16 light machineguns, 28 automatic rifles and huge quantities of ammunition.

In the meantime, fierce fighting raged in the Clark Field sector where two American divisions began pounding Nippon positions on the heights to the west from last Friday, mainly directing their attack against the centre and left wing of Nippon positions. Imperial forces on the left wing were withdrawn to positions on the second line of defence but Nippon units defending the centre, not budging an inch, have exacted costly American casualties in their "bleed the enemy white" tactics.

In a move apparently to accelerate the decision on the Luzon front, which is bearing every earmark of developing into a protracted warfare, the Americans on Tuesday carried out ship bombardment synchronized with intense aerial attacks against Corregidor Island guarding the entrance into Manila Bay and in the evening invaded the north channel with about 20 minesweepers, one of which was promptly sunk and the rest repulsed. There are indications that the minesweepers had been followed by some ten enemy transports carrying reinforcements for enemy units attacking Manila which had been raked severely by Nippon defenders.

Meanwhile, American reconnaissance activities in the Aparri sector on the northern tip of Luzon have been intensified since January 26.

Singapore to the Nippon forces, the Chief Spokesman urged the people of Malai to wield their influence by co-operating with the Imperial Nippon forces in their unflinching determination to crush the Anglo-American Powers, the common enemies of Asia.

Taiwan Fortress Stands Bulwark Of G. East Asia

(By a Domei War Correspondent)

A Nippon Base in Taiwan, Feb. 16 (Domei)—Taiwan stands firm in spite of daily enemy air raids since Jan. 3 as the advance base of Nippon in the defence system as well as the focal centre of Greater East Asia's defence structure. After an interval of two-and-a-half months since the first air raid strike against Taiwan carried out by the 58th United States Task Force in mid October last year, the 38th Enemy Task Force raided the strategic island in mass formation on Jan. 3. Since then Taiwan has been subjected to air attacks almost daily. These raids can be regarded as different in character from attacks on the Nippon mainland and have a direct strategic connection with MacArthur's invasion operations in the Philippines. Thus Taiwan is now becoming more and more distinctly our first line of defence.

It would be a mistaken idea however to assume that the enemy will dare attempt to thrust at our "iron fortress" of Taiwan in the immediate future in view of the fact that the overwhelming portion of his Pacific fleets and army forces have now been concentrated in the Philippine campaign and that precariously prolonged enemy commissary lines are being maintained with obvious difficulty.

Stubborn efforts being made by the enemy to seize control of the Philippines by pouring forth all available material and manpower, despite huge losses, indicate that the Americans are fully aware of the strategic importance which the Philippines occupy in East Asia. And this strategic importance can be appreciated only when the Philippines' geographical proximity with Taiwan—from which it is separated by the narrow Bashi Channel—and Ryukyu Islands, is taken into consideration. In the light of this fact the Philippines and Taiwan cannot be considered separately.

Taiwan must be defended against enemy invasion at all costs because of its importance as the nucleus of the Greater East Asia system and as a base for a future Nippon offensive.

Meanwhile, all-out efforts by the military, civilian, and local inhabitants are being made to ward off enemy attacks and convert Taiwan into an impregnable fortress. The Philippines were fortified in two years, whereas Taiwan which was built up during the past 50 years is defended by crack units of the Taiwan Army and her seven million people. All units of the Taiwan Army have now assumed battle positions and have been smashing every enemy air-raid on the island and are ably aiding Nippon operations in the Philippines by weakening enemy airpower.

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Syonan, Feb. 16 (Domei)—Forty new students are now being enrolled by the local education authorities for study in the Malai Medical College, which starts a new course in the middle of next month.

Local youths between the ages of 15 and 20 with necessary educational qualifications are eligible to qualify for admission into the new course. Candidates who pass the entrance examination, which will be held on March 10, will be admitted to the college as Government scholars.

The educational qualifications are (1) Standard VI, VII or VIII certificates of the Public School; (2) Standard IV, V or VI certificates of the former English School; (3) Equal or higher qualifications.

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